

State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

EXECUTIVE ORDER I-08-035

Relating to Independent Contractor Approval under
Section 91207, Title 17, California Code of Regulations

Almega Environmental & Technical Services, Incorporated

WHEREAS, the Air Resources Board (ARB), pursuant to section 41512 of the California Health and Safety Code, has established the procedures contained in sections 91200-91220, title 17, California Code of Regulations, to allow the use of independent testers for compliance tests required by ARB;

WHEREAS, it has been determined that Almega Environmental & Technical Services, Incorporated meets the requirements of ARB for conducting ARB Test Methods 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 11, 13B, 17, 100 (CO, CO₂, NO_x, O₂, SO₂, THC), 410A, 434, and Visible Emissions Evaluation (VEE) pursuant to sections 91200-91220, title 17, California Code of Regulations when the following conditions are met:

1. Almega Environmental & Technical Services, Incorporated ships all reagents to be used in testing and/or samples obtained from testing in such a manner that chain of custody is not broken. Each person handling the sample during shipping must sign-off from whom and when the sample was received, and to whom and when it was delivered;
2. Almega Environmental & Technical Services, Incorporated permanently marks or engraves an identification number on the body of each of its pitot tubes;
3. Almega Environmental & Technical Services, Incorporated permanently and uniquely identifies its isokinetic nozzles;
4. Almega Environmental & Technical Services, Incorporated calibrates and repairs its nozzles used in isokinetic testing as required by section 5.1 of ARB Test Method 5, and establishes and maintains a log of the calibrations which shall include notes on the repairs on each nozzle;
5. Almega Environmental & Technical Services, Incorporated uses a 40 percent H₂/60 percent He or a 40 percent H₂/60 percent N₂ blend, as appropriate, as fuel for its hydrocarbon analyzer;
6. Almega Environmental & Technical Services, Incorporated uses new 6.4 mm OD teflon sample line for all ARB Test Method 410A testing;

7. The person performing VEE passed ARB's Compliance Training Course #100: Fundamentals of Enforcement (FOE)/Visible Emissions Evaluation (Smoke School) and is currently certified to conduct VEE. Any subsequent recertification must be from a certifying body recognized by ARB at the time VEE reader conducts the VEE test;

WHEREAS, ARB's Executive Officer, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 39516, issued Executive Order G-02-008, delegating to the Chief of ARB's Monitoring and Laboratory Division the authority to approve independent testers in accordance with title 17, California Code of Regulations, sections 91200-91220.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William V. Loscutoff, Chief of ARB Monitoring and Laboratory Division, order that Almega Environmental & Technical Services, Incorporated is granted an approval, from the date of execution of this order until June 30, 2009, to conduct the tests listed above, subject to compliance with sections 91200-91220, title 17, California Code of Regulations.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that during the approved period the Executive Officer or his authorized representative may field audit one or more tests conducted pursuant to this order for each type of testing listed above.

Executed at Sacramento, California this 30th day of July 2008.

Original signed by

William V. Loscutoff, Chief
Monitoring and Laboratory Division